



February 11, 2005

SENATE BILL No. 348

DIGEST OF SB 348 (Updated February 9, 2005 5:57 pm - DI 110)

Citations Affected: IC 32-31.

Synopsis: Landlord disposal of property. Provides that a landlord may dispose of the tenant's personal property (1) after obtaining a court order authorizing the removal of an evicted tenant's personal property from a dwelling unit; (2) if the rental agreement has been terminated and the tenant has failed to remove the tenant's personal property; or (3) if the tenant has failed to pay rent within fifteen days after the rent was due, the tenant has not lived in the dwelling unit for the fifteen days, and the tenant failed to respond to notice sent by the landlord. Repeals superseded provisions.

Effective: July 1, 2005.

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January 11, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce and Transportation.
February 10, 2005, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning property.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 32-31-4-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 2. (a) If a landlord is
3 awarded possession of a dwelling unit by a court under IC 32-30-2, the
4 landlord may seek an order from the court allowing removal of a
5 tenant's personal property.

6 (b) ~~If the tenant fails to remove the tenant's personal property before~~
7 ~~the date specified in the court's order issued under subsection (a); the~~

8 (b) A landlord may remove and dispose of a tenant's personal
9 property if any of the following apply:

10 (1) The tenant fails to remove the tenant's personal property
11 before the date specified in the court's order issued under
12 subsection (a).

13 (2) Both of the following conditions exist:

14 (A) The rental agreement is terminated by operation of law
15 or terms of the rental agreement.

16 (B) The tenant fails to remove the tenant's personal
17 property on or before the date that the rental agreement

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terminates.

(3) All of the following conditions are met:

(A) The tenant:

(i) fails to pay rent to the landlord not later than fifteen (15) days after the rent is due under the rental agreement; and

(ii) does not reside in the dwelling unit for the fifteen (15) days that the tenant fails to pay rent under item (i).

(B) The landlord sends notice to the tenant at the dwelling unit by certified or registered mail that:

(i) the tenant has failed to pay rent within fifteen (15) days after the rent was due under the rental agreement; and

(ii) the landlord intends to remove the tenant's personal property if the tenant fails to respond to the landlord's notice within five (5) days after the tenant receives the notice under item (i) or fifteen (15) days after the landlord sends the notice.

(C) The tenant fails to respond to the landlord's notice under clause (B)(i) within:

(i) five (5) days after the tenant receives the notice; or

(ii) fifteen (15) days after the landlord sends the notice.

landlord may remove the tenant's personal property in accordance with the order, and deliver the personal property to a warehouseman under section 3 of this chapter.

SECTION 2. THE FOLLOWING ARE REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: IC 32-31-4-1; IC 32-31-4-3; IC 32-31-4-4; IC 32-31-4-5.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Commerce and Transportation, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 348, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, strike lines 6 through 7, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(b) A landlord may remove and dispose of a tenant's personal property if any of the following apply:

(1) The tenant fails to remove the tenant's personal property before the date specified in the court's order issued under subsection (a).

(2) Both of the following conditions exist:

(A) The rental agreement is terminated by operation of law or terms of the rental agreement.

(B) The tenant fails to remove the tenant's personal property on or before the date that the rental agreement terminates.

(3) All of the following conditions are met:

(A) The tenant:

(i) fails to pay rent to the landlord not later than fifteen (15) days after the rent is due under the rental agreement; and

(ii) does not reside in the dwelling unit for the fifteen (15) days that the tenant fails to pay rent under item (i).

(B) The landlord sends notice to the tenant at the dwelling unit by certified or registered mail that:

(i) the tenant has failed to pay rent within fifteen (15) days after the rent was due under the rental agreement; and

(ii) the landlord intends to remove the tenant's personal property if the tenant fails to respond to the landlord's notice within five (5) days after the tenant receives the notice under item (i) or fifteen (15) days after the landlord sends the notice.

(C) The tenant fails to respond to the landlord's notice under clause (B)(i) within:

(i) five (5) days after the tenant receives the notice; or

(ii) fifteen (15) days after the landlord sends the notice."

Page 1, strike line 7.

Page 1, line 8, strike "landlord may remove".

Page 1, line 8, delete "and dispose of".

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Page 1, line 8, strike "the tenant's personal property in".

Page 1, line 9, strike "accordance with the order.".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 348 as introduced.)

SERVER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0.

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